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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

LUO ET AL.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TREATING
STROKE USING HYPOTHERMIA

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The following is an amendment and response to the Official Action mailed on September 26, 2001. Please reconsider the above-identified application with additional claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

B1
1. A method for treating stroke patients, comprising the acts of:
identifying a stroke patient for treatment;
advancing a heat exchange catheter into said patient wherein said heat exchange catheter is advanced into a central venous vein of said patient; and
inducing hypothermia using said heat exchange catheter.

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Please add the following new claims:

B2
45. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the heat exchange catheter comprises at least one substantially elongate structure configured for establishing central venous access, said structure having a proximal portion and a distal portion and defining a plurality